

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the following amended claims set.

1. (Currently Amended) A golf ball which comprises a core, a cover and numerous dimples formed on the surface of said cover,

wherein a base polymer of said cover includes a thermoplastic polyurethane elastomer as a principal component, and

a proportion R1 of number of dimples having a ratio (B/T), which is a ratio of a height B of a bottom of the dimple to a nominal thickness T of the cover, of equal to or less than 0.70 occupied in total number of the dimples is equal to or greater than 10%, and

wherein a proportion R2 of number of dimples having said ratio (B/T) of less than 0.30 occupied in total number of the dimples is equal to or less than 10%.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The golf ball according to claim 1 wherein a mean value of the ratio (B/T) for all the dimples is equal to or less than 0.86.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The golf ball according to claim 1, further comprising a mid layer having a Shore D hardness equal to or greater than 55.

6. (Currently Amended) A golf ball which comprises a core, a cover and numerous dimples formed on the surface of said cover, wherein a base polymer of said cover includes a thermoplastic polyurethane elastomer as a principal component, and

a proportion R1 of number of dimples having a ratio (B/T), which is a ratio of a height B of a bottom of the dimple to a nominal thickness T of the cover, of equal to or less than 0.70 occupied in total number of the dimples is equal to or greater than 10%,

wherein said core has a center and a mid layer, and wherein the Shore D hardness of the mid layer is greater than the Shore D hardness of the cover, and

wherein a proportion R2 of number of dimples having said ratio (B/T) of less than 0.30 occupied in total number of the dimples is equal to or less than 10%.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented)      The golf ball according to claim 6, wherein a mean value of the ratio (B/T) for all the dimples is equal to or less than 0.86.

9. (Previously Presented)      The golf ball according to claim 6, further comprising a mid layer, wherein the difference in the Shore D hardness of the mid layer and the Shore D hardness of the cover is equal to or greater than 5.

10. (Previously Presented)      The golf ball according to claim 9, wherein Shore D hardness of said mid layer is equal to or greater than 55.